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WE BELIEVE:

1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

BELL

Mrs. Mattie Bell died at her home in Calhoun, Ga., March 26, after several weeks of illness. She was sixty-eight years old. She is survived by six daughters, one son, four brothers, and one sister. She was a member of the Church of God at Calhoun, where the funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. Y. Black.—Vertie Harkins.

GRAVES

Edna Graves went to her reward May 21, 1949. She was a victim of the tornado at Shelburn, Indiana. She was a member of the Shelburn Church of God for twenty-three years.—William H. Wise, Assistant Clerk.

EATON

A faithful warrior, A. P. Eaton, laid aside his Christian armor April 6, to exchange it for a heavenly crown. He was almost eighty-one years of age and was a charter member of the Odessa, Texas, church. His greatest concern was for the church and its progress, especially the Sunday School and orphanage work. He was loved by both saint and sinner. Our loss is heaven's gain.—His widow, Mrs. Calie Gilliam Eaton.

COVER PICTURE

Our front cover is graced by the recently reconditioned and enlarged church at Decatur, Alabama. The front of the church is the old frame structure brick veneered. The interior has been completely redecorated. The rostrum has been changed and enlarged. Automatic gas floor furnaces and fans have been installed. A 32x47 foot two-story brick addition stands out prominently at the back. This expansion was necessary to provide Sunday School rooms that were so greatly needed, and they are adequately furnished throughout. The walls are plastered, the floors are perfectly finished, and the rooms are seated with chairs. In addition to this, there is the pastor's study, a small auditorium, the L.W.W.B. room, and two rest rooms. This building, and the lovely parsonage which you will see on page fourteen, are valued at approximately \$52,000 and the pastor,

McNEMAR

Rev. H. A. McNemar, a faithful minister of the Church of God, departed this life, May 19, 1949, to receive reward and to be with the Man whom he had worked for over twenty-five years. Brother McNemar among the first to unite with the Church of God in the State of Mississippi, some thirty-five years and was faithful until the end. Funeral service was conducted by pastor, M. H. Kennedy, pastor of the Church of God in Jackson, Mississippi.—Brother and Sister W. W. Kennedy.

McCONNEL

Mrs. Marie McConnel, age 78, went to be with Jesus April 28, lived and died with victory in her. She had been at the Orphanage in Cleveland, Tennessee, for around years. She didn't have an easy home but we feel sure she has indeed a mansion prepared for the fall. She was a member of the North Cleveland Church of God and was always ready to give of her means to the cause and be a blessing wherever she went. She was loved by all who knew her.—Brother and Sister W. W. McConnel.

HANGER

Ida Hanger passed away May 19, 1949. She was a victim of the tornado at Shelburn, Indiana. She was a member of the Shelburn Church of God for eleven years.—William H. Wise, Assistant Clerk.

H. T. Statum, the church, and friends are to be heartily congratulated not owing more than \$15,000. Bro. Statum has a noble group of members to work with, and they have a mighty good pastor as their leader. The state overseer, Rev. W. E. Statum, has a perfect right to appreciate such a good pastor and church.

A GRATEFUL MEMBER WRITES

Another bulwark has been set up against Satan. We are so glad that we have been able to carry out the expansion program so that we can accommodate larger Sunday School, church attendance and at the same time eliminate the difficulty of finding on the work in one auditorium.

The church appreciates, by words, the faithful and wise leadership of our good pastor, Brother Statum, also Sister Statum, who has helped us achieve this gracious success.—E. Wolfe.



EDITORIALS

The Sword -- Slander

James says, chap. 3.2, 10, 13, "For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom."

It is very evident from this passage of scripture that the first pastor realized how dangerous a weapon the tongue is. He, no doubt, was moved to write this instructive and critical chapter because of some slanderers that he had in his church at Jerusalem, who had been mercilessly wielding this terrible sword. It is to be remembered that Satan is a slanderer. He is continually accusing us before God; in fact, this is one of his biggest jobs and one of his most destructive methods. Therefore, he who slanders is working hand in hand with the devil, and it is certainly a tragic thing to see a professed Christian being used as one of Satan's agents, ruining lives, blighting homes, breaking hearts and friendships by talebearing, false-accusing, and carrying slanderous reports. Coolidge sings in the following sad but truthful refrain:

"Alas, they have been friends in youth,
But whispering tongues can poison truth."

I think of the words of Dr. A. B. Simpson in this connection: "I would rather play with the forked lightning of the thunder than take in my hands living wires, with their fiery currents, than speak a reckless word against any servant of Christ, or idly repeat the slanderous darts which thousands of Christians are hurling on others, to the hurt of their own souls and bodies.

"You may often wonder, perhaps, why your sickness is not healed, your spirit filled with joy of the Holy Ghost, your life blessed and prosperous. It may be that some circle which you have flung with angry voice, or in an idle hour or thoughtless gossip, is pursuing you on its way, as it describes the circle which always brings back to the source from which it came every shaft of bitterness, and every idle and evil word. Let us remember that when we persecute or hurt the child of God, we are but persecuting Him and hurting ourselves far more."

Turning to Titus 2:3-5; 1 Tim. 5:13, 14, we find that Paul condemns talkative old and young women: "The old women likewise, that they may be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much babble, teachers of good things; that they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." "And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house: and not only tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."

Sound Speech Demanded of Old and Young Men

Then again, in Titus 2:1, 2, 6-8, Paul demands sound

speech of old and young men: "But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine: that the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience. Young men likewise exhort to be sound minded. In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works. In doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you." Therefore, it is clearly seen that the great Church of God organizer, pastor, and overseer not only saw the dangers of wagging tongues, but condemned them. He let it be known that, regardless of age, physical or spiritual, there was to be no privileged characters when it came to using the tongue carelessly and especially in a slanderous manner.

It is a fact that the husband is recognized in Holy Scripture as the head of the home, but, after all, there is no person that should have more influence over the husband and his children than the wife. An adherence to Simon Peter's lecture to the wives in 1 Peter 3:1-4 will result in the home staying together and praying together: "Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives: while they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning, let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price." Therefore, I respectfully submit this lecture to all wives, that you may stir up your hearts and minds by way of remembrance.

The Tongue of the Worldly

It is nothing uncommon nor unusual for the worldly and sinful to speak not only critically but reproachfully and slanderously of Christians, and Jesus prepared us by not only stating that this would be their attitude but told us how to react to it in these words, "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you." It is well to remember, however, that we only have God's approval upon us and are justified in rejoicing when we are persecuted for righteousness' sake and SLANDERIZED FALSELY.

Slanderized by Former Friends

Simon Peter lets us in on the fact that our friends in sinful days take a strained and persecuting attitude toward us when we become Christians. Notice what he says: "For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries: Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, not speaking evil of you," 1 Pet. 4:3, 4. But we are consoled by the fact that these very people will have to stand before

God and be judged by Him for slander, "Who shall give an account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead," 1 Pet. 4:5.

Slander Condemned in the Church

While this is true of the world and to be expected, it is not to be expected of Christians, and God strongly and sternly condemns it in both Old and New Testaments. The ninth commandment says, "Thou shalt not bare false witness against thy neighbor."

Turning to the New Testament, the apostle James says, "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?" James 4:11, 12. Perhaps I should give you a word of description of a slanderer so that you would know how to identify him in case you have never seen one. He is: 1. Backbiter. 2. Whisperer. Rom. 1:29, 30, "Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents." 2 Cor. 12:20, "For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults." 3. False accuser. 2. Tim. 3:3, "Without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good." 4. A sower of discord. Prov. 6:19, "A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." 5. Suspicious persons. Acts 21:29-31, "(For they had seen before with him in the city of Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut. And as they went about to kill him . . ."

Many suppositions are the germs that produce the most dangerous and hurtful slander. It is, of all the different kinds of slander, perhaps the most subtle, sneaking undermining and disarming. Both the Lord Jesus and Paul strike a desperate blow at this in the following respective words: "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again," Matt. 7:1, 2. "Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth; yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand,"

Rom. 14:4, 6. The busybody. 2 Thess. 3:11, "For we know that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies." 1 Peter 4:15, "let none of you suffer . . . as a busybody in other men's matters." Nosing in other people's business and gleaming information for gossip and slander is the worst business in the world, and no true Christian will be engaged in it. 7. A tattler. 1 Tim. 5:13, "And withal they learn to be tattlers about from house to house; and not only tattlers but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not." Prov. 26:20, "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth." The demise of nothing is so welcome as that of a slanderous rumor. Where is the minister who isn't ready to preach the funeral of such a devastating thing? Where are the Christians who are not ready to drop everything and attend such a funeral?

Now, if it so happens that you are unacquainted with the slanderer, I am sure you will know him or her from now on. May God hasten the day when there will not be a one on the face of the earth, and I am sure there will not be a one in heaven.

Jean Blewett gives us a striking verse on the subject of slander:

*"The man, who, with the breath lent him by heaven,
Speaks words that soil the whiteness of a life,
Is but a murderer, for death is given
As surely by the tongue as by the knife."*

Surely nothing is in greater demand among Christians today than a manifestation of the Spirit of Christ that will scorn to speak evil of another. It is a positive fact that the flower of Christian character will never bloom in an atmosphere of slander and detraction; not only that, but there isn't the slightest hope of the slanderer, backbiter, talebearer, false accuser, whisperer, speaker out of a deceitful heart, entering into that eternal rest that maineth for the children of God. Therefore, all candidates for heaven should be careful, not only in their deeds but in their words also. David, in the 15th Psalm, gives us a good guide to the celestial city of the blest, "Lo, I who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor. In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his hurt, and changeth not. He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. . . . that doeth these things shall never be moved."

WEST VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION

Time: July 29-31.

Place: Beckley Memorial Auditorium.

Guest speakers: H. L. Chesson, General Overseer; A. M. Phillips, Business Manager, Church of God Publishing House; James Reeser, President, I.P.I.; E. C. Clark, State Overseer of Ohio.

Music: Otis McCoy, Editor, Tennessee Music and Printing Co., the Daniel Sisters Trio, and many others.

Invitation: A cordial welcome awaits you.

Management: H. L. Chesson, General Overseer; Paul H. Walker, State Overseer.

NEBRASKA CAMP MEETING

Time: August 14-21.

Place: Omaha.

Guest speaker: J. H. Freeman.

Plans: To have a great spiritual feast throughout the meeting.

Invitation: Come, let us worship to-

gether.

Management: Carl Cox, State Overseer, 3507 Fourth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.

PENNSYLVANIA CAMP MEETING

Time: July 25—August 7.

Place: Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Evangelists: Rev. Shelton Br

Hamilton, Ohio; Rev. J. C. Jernigan, Roanoke, Va.

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J. H. WALKER
Executive Missions Secretary

PALESTINE

Brother D. B. Hatfield writes:
"After I came here from Egypt, I left my family and the car in Cyprus and went on alone to Palestine to investigate the possibilities of our returning there and opening a work. I have gone eighteen days and have just returned to Cyprus. While in Palestine I secured a permit to cross the Jewish and Arab lines into 'No Man's Land' and into the Arab territory; then I went on to Bethlehem and Beit Jalla (home of King Saul), where I visited the Suleiman family.

"We gathered people together and had services in Brother Suleiman's home. Many of the people who lived in Jerusalem before the trouble, live in Bethlehem now. There is a good opportunity to begin a work in Bethlehem, where at present there is no Pentecostal work but several Pentecostal people that need a place for worship.

"I was definitely encouraged during my visit, and feel that we have great possibilities regarding our work in Palestine, though it will be slow progress and far from an easy task. The cost of living in Palestine now is terrific, caused by the recent war and the scarcity of commodities. They have both inflation and austerity in a very severe way. I foresee many hardships through which one must pass, but we are not easily moved by these things, if we can but only see good work in the Holy Land.

"God opened the way for us during these eighteen days so that we were able to make many important contacts with government officials, with whom we discussed at large our returning to Palestine to open a work.

"I was invited to attend a special meeting held at the home of the Mayor of Jerusalem, and I met many of the important leaders of the country. They were extremely nice and gave me a hearty welcome to return

to Jerusalem to live, promising that I would have complete freedom for my work. They profess to have a democracy government that guarantees freedom to all religions. I marvelled at the words of these government men, and the way they assured me that I would be at liberty to do my work under the full protection of the Israelite law. I was made to feel my responsibility to Israel more than ever, and even thought of the words of Paul when he said, "A certain dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me, and woe to me if I preach not the gospel."

BAHAMAS

Brother Mervin Sands writes:

"We have been having very good services going from place to place over the district, especially at Murphy Town. They have a church building but it is not completed yet. They have to worship in a small place thatched with palm leaves. The seats are bare boards, with nothing to support the back, which of course is not comfortable. But the people come and sit for hours; they are so eager to hear the truth. Twenty-seven were saved in the last revival. They hope to have the church completed by the end of this year."

Brother Sands is district overseer. He has six churches on his district, and has sacrifices to make in order to visit them. He travels on the mail boat from place to place, and his letter indicates that he does not receive enough to pay his traveling expenses to visit these churches.

Very often we receive letters from churches and individuals that would like to sponsor some particular missionary or work. All contributions sent to the Mission Department and specified for some particular field will be sent to that field immediately.

Brother William R. Franks writes:

"Over one hundred souls have been saved at Bluff Eleuthera in a revival

that has been going for over ten weeks. This was a joint revival of the Church of God, the Episcopal Church, and the Wesleyan Methodist Church."

PANAMA

"We have been having some successful results here in Panama this past month. One hundred and nine have been saved, twenty-one baptized and seventy-two added to the Church of God. Even though the rains have started, at times flooding a whole area, the spirit of the revival is continuing."

ALASKA

Brother J. H. Davis writes:

"... We drove to Anchorage yesterday afternoon over forty-eight miles of highway that is in the process of being rebuilt. It was terribly rough. I had the privilege of preaching twice, once in the jail and once in a fellowship meeting in the evening. Several have been saved in those jail services this winter. Most of the inmates of the jail were Indians. Two came forward for prayer last evening.

"We had our first Youth for Christ meeting here in Palmer May 6, with an attendance of some over two hundred, which is a large crowd to get in a church in this place. I believe I wrote that our daughter, Ramona, is president of same. We had the service in the largest church we could get, and it was full. Please pray for these efforts, as most of the youth of this town are steeped in sin. Drink and immorality are prevailing sins. We are working on our new church here and we need your prayers; this church will be built by faith and sweat."

HAWAII

Brother A. W. Brummett writes:

"I am very glad to report that my health has greatly improved, and we are going full force for God and the Church. Sister Brummett and the children are in good health. This climate seems to agree with them, and they are very busy in the work of the Church. Yesterday and the day before we made trips to the countryside and the mountains, gathering taro and coconuts, and carrying out tea leaves, to make a Hawaiian pudding called 'kulolo.' We sell it to help meet the payments on our church. It seems to be the best way to make money right now. The ladies are preparing and mixing the various ingredients today for cooking. They cook it in a

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15) Somerset, meeting held at the home of the Mayor of Jerusalem, and I met many of the important leaders of the country. They were extremely nice and gave me a hearty welcome to return

A Scientist Discovers Religion

By CECIL NORTHCOTT

When, only recently, Dr. Cyril E. M. Joad, of the University of London, abruptly abandoned his stance as a derider of religion and a church-baiting agnostic, and forthwith became a regular worshiper at the Anglican parish church near his home in Hampshire, the sudden switch created a major sensation in the scientific world. And rightly so, for here was one of Britain's most famous and most popular "free thinking" philosophers, openly and boldly coming back to the God whom he often had cynically declared "would soon go to the scrap-heap of man's discarded superstitions."

At the instance of the editor of this magazine, I called upon Dr. Joad to discover just what it was that turned him, as many other scientists of our day have been turned, back to religion. In his book-lined study, the famous fifty-eight-year-old professor of philosophy and psychology talked with me very earnestly about the change in his life.

"It was the war that shook me into what I now know is the real nationalism," he said thoughtfully. "After almost a lifetime of cynical disbelief, I came to realize that evil is evil and that what the Christian calls sin is sin. In fact, I have come to believe in original sin at a time when a lot of theologians have ceased to believe in it!"

For years Dr. Joad's agnosticism made him tilt in brilliant cynicism at religious views. For years he stood with such scientific lights as H. G. Wells, Bertrand Russell, and Aldous Huxley as a derider of religion. This brilliant group, particularly during the years between the wars, attracted the discipleship of thousands of Britain's youth. Their theme was that science would provide man with all the means of livelihood he needed. There would be abundant food and plenty of clothes for everybody. All that was needed was a little better planning and a little closer attention to detail and the world would be a glorious place to live in.

Professor Joad looked at me from

beneath bushy eyebrows. His pink cheeks betray his love of the open air. He looks like the farmer he is, for he has a hundred-acre farm in Hampshire, where he spends two days a week and his week ends.

"Yes," he said, "all this talk of progress hasn't gotten us very far. I used to believe in a kind of Life Force that was the product of evolution. Man, I, claimed, was the highest level at which the Life Force had manifested itself, and held that unless man behaved himself he would be superseded by another organism, the superman designed to carry life to a higher level of achievement."

I remembered that the man who stood in front of the open fire had one important date in his life. That was 1914. That year he left Oxford, stuffed with proud prizes in moral philosophy, and entered the British civil service, where he stayed for sixteen years before becoming a teacher of philosophy. That year was the peak year of all the glowing wonder of progress. It did seem, up to 1914, that the world was getting better bit by bit. It was only a matter of time and all would be well. Then came 1914, and Cyril Edwin Hutchinson Joad was thrust, at twenty-three, into the ministry of labor to help win a war.

Now, thirty-five years later, with a quizzical grey beard and a plump middle-aged figure, he seemed to wonder at the meaning of the way he had come.

As he so frankly admits, it took World War II to shake this one-time confident philosopher, whom all Britain has known as a cocksure radio braintrust, capable of answering all the questions flung at him by listeners. And he freely confesses to being a prime example of the bankruptcy of rationalistic philosophy to explain man's present predicament.

"I'm depressed about the world," he said. "Too many people seem to be looking for a good time before the atomic bomb gets them. It's a depressing world, led by a lot of small men. Most of the great men have died."

I tracked down some of the philosopher's gloom to the terrifying picture he sees of a world shrinking in capacity to provide enough food for the multiplying population of earth. The vast destruction of earth's surface through soil erosion and the bewildering increase of human species mean for Dr. Joad an ominous end of all the fair hopes of mankind unless there can be implemented—and soon—some system of world government which will arrange the life of the nations to a plan.

"This is just where, I now believe, the Christian faith comes in," he said emphatically. "It has a word of hope for men at this point. All the endowments of the world's life, which seem so frightening, can be controlled. They can be used for good rather than evil. They can be organized to give more food, to build friendship instead of hate, and to give security in a common brotherhood rather than in armed forces."

This is the basis of Dr. Joad's belief in the movement for world government. He holds that while Christians must preach the gospel of love, it must also take part in action. He sees world government as the logical outcome of the Christian message of world brotherhood. This century, for Dr. Joad, can be the century of brotherhood, if man is able to organize his resources properly. So far it has been a destructive century, but Dr. Joad is inclined to think that the world now has the opportunity of passing beyond the barriers of hate and war into an era of friendship and peace.

Although the facts, as Dr. Joad sees them in the world at the moment, make him at times pessimistic about the future, his new grasp of the Christian faith gives him fresh confidence. He now sees that outside all the monistic forces of the world there are supernatural powers which play a part in the ordering of mankind's affairs. He believes that his mistake in the past was to try to rationalize everything into his own scheme of philosophy. But there is "the other side," which cannot be rationalized.

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... A Double Cure ...

SWEETWATER, Tenn.—I thank God for saving my brother's soul. He is T. B. and was not saved, but tonight he said he was satisfied in his soul. Continue to pray that he will be healed.—Estelle Stephens.

MIDDLEFORD, Ohio.—I have been saved and sanctified for almost three years. I have been seeking for the Holy Ghost all this time. I promised the Lord if He would fill me with the Holy Ghost I would write my testimony to the *Evangel*. On the sixth day in March, He filled me with the Holy Ghost. I do thank and praise the Lord for all the answers He has given me. I will answer every prayer offered for me.—Mrs. Mary Romines.

"... now believe in," he said. WELFORD, S. C.—I praise the Lord for a word of His many blessings. I thank Him for saving, sanctifying, and filling me at this point. All of my life, with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for controlling my head and neck.—Mrs. Mary Mason.

I am very thankful to God for healing me when I was very young. Brother G. G. Williams, our pastor at that time, prayed the prayer of faith, and I was healed of pneumonia fever. Last month my son, Robert, had the measles and the fever lingered. I felt that if God didn't touch him, he would not recover. Several saints prayed for him, and he is well and healthy. I promised God then if He would heal my son, I would write the *Evangel* and others hear about His power.

I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour at the age of ten, and proudly claim that He lives in my heart today. I pray that I will have more faith to trust my body to Him, since I know I am able to keep my body as well as my soul, from the hand of flesh.

As a minister's wife, I desire to be instrumental in helping others to realize the need of accepting a Saviour and Friend such as this.—Mrs. Eugene Thomas.

SANTA PAULA, Calif.—I praise the Lord for healing my son who was seriously injured in a car wreck. He was unconscious from a skull fracture for eighteen days. The doctor told others that he would never come to, and, if he did, he would not have his right mind. But the Lord gave me many precious promises, and said to

right then that the Lord had healed me. He did heal me, too, because today I am a well man again.—Writer's name lost.

TRINITY, Texas—I thank God that I am saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for His healing power. I was sick unto death March 25, and the Lord spoke to me to send in my testimony. I cannot thank and praise God enough for His healing.—Mrs. H. J. French.

MACON, Ga.—When I was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost in 1940, my daddy said I had lost my honor, reputation, and everything else. He threatened to lock me out of our home, but I kept going, and in 1941 I married a Church of God girl. I went to the army in 1944, and while I was away my daddy would help at the church, because he said he knew I would if I were there. He would go to church on Sunday nights and then he started going to Sunday School. He was saved in November, 1948. On January 31, 1949, he had a second stroke and then in February he had a third stroke which made him speechless and paralyzed his right side. I asked him if he was still saved, and he shook his head "yes" and would cry with joy when Brother J. A. Bixler, our pastor, would come in. He passed away but I praise the Lord he accepted Him just in time.—Glynn Griffin, Church Clerk.

JENNERS, Pa.—I praise God for healing my little boy of enlarged tonsils. God has healed me of heart trouble, and He has healed my family many times.—Mrs. Orla M. Hay.

GIFTS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHOLARS

We have on hand several boxes of last quarter's picture rolls that we are selling at cost. These are excellent to give away to Sunday School scholars for bringing new students, and as various prizes in Sunday School. You can purchase them for 90c each, plus postage. They come packed 40 to a box.

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State Activities

MEMPHIS SUNDAY SCHOOL REACHES 500

Greetings from the Memphis District. Our work is progressing nicely. We have had a revival in each church since the Assembly, with good results, and are over the top with Lee College money, Orphanage, and missions.

Memphis Church has raised a good offering for the aged ministers. A nice garage has been built here at the Memphis church, and we have purchased \$1,200 worth of new furniture for the parsonage. A new Sunday School has been organized and a work started across town from the Memphis church. We have a roil of fifty **Evangels** coming each week. This is a fine group of ministers with whom to work.—C. E. Richard, District Overseer.



CHURCH OF GOD AT BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



We are most happy to introduce the Church of God at Battle Creek, Mich., which has been organized only since last October 15. This church has had a wonderful growth, until they have a Sunday School of 100 and a wonderfull Y.P.E. Someone gets saved most every service. Recently, they purchased this fine frame building, fully equipped, located in a very nice part of the city.

This beautiful little city of nearly

45,000 people is better known to the world as the Breakfast Food City, home of Post breakfast cereals, but since the church has been organized, there is spiritual food to be had, also. This church is made up almost entirely of Tennessee people who have moved here to make their home and to find steady employment.

Brother Sadelmeir, their pastor, is doing a good work and is loved by all. We predict a great future for these

fine people, and believe they soon will take their place among the leading churches of the State.

There are several thousand Southern people within a mile of the local church. These people are all tithe payers, and love the great Church of God. They extend to all a hearty welcome to visit them at any time.

THE STORY OF THE MONTH

Georgia Goes Over 10,000 Mark

The story of the month this time could easily be built around a local church revival, for we are still having them, and they are more wonderful all the time. The church at Lavonia, possibly in the lead, with seventy-nine saved, fifty sanctified, forty-five filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-nine added to the church, and fifty-nine baptized in water (at the First Baptist Church).

These revivals contribute to a great progress that is taking place all over the State and now make possible the real story of the month. This story news—yes, news of a net increase in Georgia so far this year of 919 in membership. This puts Georgia over the top, with 10,026 in membership.

Let us shout, "GLORY Hallelujah!" for what the Lord is doing.



soon in the State of Georgia.—Georgia Re-
porter.

NEW MEXICO STATE CONVENTION AND CAMP MEETING

Time: July 27—August 3.

Place: Roswell, New Mexico, at 510 South Michigan Avenue.

Guest Speakers: Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer; J. S. Brinsfield, President, Lee College; Vessie Hargraves, Superintendent, L.P.I.

Invitation: If you don't come, we will be disappointed.

Management: Zeno C. Tharp, Assistant General Overseer; Bascom Stanley, State Overseer.

NEW MEXICO

Statistical Report of the District Fellowship Offerings to Boost the State Convention Mission Offering.

1946

Albuquerque	\$21.00	Portales	72.63
Albuquerque	12.25	Roswell	125.00
Artesia	80.00	Roswell Springs	33.89
Artesia	251.00	Sedan	32.27
Artesia	25.33	Tucumcari	45.27
Artesia	30.32	Jal	105.00
Artesia	500.00	Totals	\$1,389.16
Artesia	45.00		
1948			
Albuquerque	\$50.00	Portales	46.80
Albuquerque	26.00	Roswell	133.00
Artesia	50.00	Roswell Springs	11.00
Artesia	132.77	Sedan	25.00
Artesia	23.59	Tucumcari	23.00
Artesia	18.41	Jal	82.00
Artesia	333.08	Totals	\$986.85
Artesia	28.00		
Artesia			\$402.31
Artesia			Net gain

ONE OF THE OLDEST CHURCHES IN FLORIDA HAS 40TH ANNIVERSARY



In 1909, A. J. Tomlinson and T. L. McLain visited Tampa on an evangelistic tour. They preached in the home of L. F. Smith and a Church of God was set in order with about twenty members. Tampa was one of the first Churches of God in Florida. Tampa's membership is now 238.

The three elderly ladies in the picture are the only living charter members. They are: Mrs. L. F. Smith, Mrs. Louisa Ransone, and Mrs. Bertha Hadsack.

To look at the beautiful Buffalo and Tenth Streets Church of God now, it is hard for one to remember that the church was once on an almost out-of-town back street and only a rough wooden structure.—Frank Spivey, Pastor.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE
WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent
Montgomery Avenue

Cleveland, Tennessee



This is Nancy Robertson, of Garrison, W. Va. She is ten years old. We have many ten-year-old children in our Orphanage.

Nancy, along with many other girls and boys is to be congratulated for her help in our coupon

drive. She collected over one thousand coupons for the Orphanage. She received a nice prize for this, from her Y.P.E. president. We should like to hear from more children, as well as adults, about their orphanage promotions and drives.

Keep the coupons coming. We appreciate your fine response to our appeal to send them sorted in bundles. We also appreciate the fact that you are not folding them, nor putting them in rolls.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please make arrangements now to attend the state convention to be held July 21-24 at Millville, N. J. For reservations write: Rev. Mrs. Amy Handley, 14 Mulberry St., Millville, N. J.

NOTE-BURNING CEREMONY



The Piedmont, W. Va., Church of God burned a mortgage at a ceremony during an all-day district convention at the church on May 8, 1949. The above photograph shows the pastor, F. G. McAfee (left rear), about to place a match to the note held by Paul H. Walker, state overseer. Standing in front, left to right are LeRoy Imperio, Elk Garden; Brown Riggelman, Paw Paw; Kenneth Harrington, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Cumberland, Md.; Gilmore DeWitt, Deer Park; R. Nicely Bayard, and Edwyn P. Rupert, Piedmont Pentecostal Holiness Church. Other ministers attending the ceremony but not present when photograph was taken included O. P. Brann, Assembly of God, Western Port, Md.; J. W. Vance, Petersburg; and C. E. McGee, Brushy Run.

Children Are Enjoying Vacation



The "good ole summertime is here at last." Several times each week the boys go swimming; they have been fishing, too. Sometimes they meet with success and catch some fish, but they always have a good time.

We had the older girls' picnic this week at Dr. Pettit's summer home on Parksville Lake. The girls went swimming at the private bathing beach there. Dr. Pettit had a large inflated army bridge pontoon that about all the girls got in, and he towed them with his motor boat all over the lake. The pontoon is built to float thirteen tons; therefore, many more could have gone without difficulty. We had a fine picnic lunch: hot dogs, cold drinks, potato salad, pickles, potato chips, cake, fruit, etc. Next, we will be taking our smaller girls on one of their outings.

REQUESTS for Prayer

PRAY FOR

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Charles Evans.

Our little girl who was hit by a car some time ago and hasn't spoken yet.—Mr. & Mrs. H. C. O'dell, Norfolk, Va.

My husband's brother.—Mrs. Howard W. man, Marion, Va.

The healing of my body.—Grace Grant, Hill, Va.

Lillie White to be saved and healed; and Mrs. Millard Frye to be saved.—Mrs. White, Verdunville, W. Va.

My eyes to be healed.—Hattie Miller, Miss.

Mrs. Myrtle McKinney to be healed.—Nettie S. Garrettson, Stephenson, W. Va.

My brother-in-law; my body.—Mrs. E. Carter, Shelby, Ala.

My husband to be healed; me.—Mrs. M. Fitzsimmons, Rome, Ga.

The healing of my body; my sister is saved and healed; my unsaved husband son.—Laura Whitmire, Woodruff, S. C.

The healing of my body; my husband is saved.—Mrs. Joseph R. Alvord, Bradenton, Fla.

The healing of my body.—Effie Vise, Miss.

The healing of my body; my husband is on the verge of a nervous breakdown.—Mrs. L. A. Harville, Hollandale, Miss.

My blind husband; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Vena Wiley, Naoma, W. Va.

My husband to be completely healed.—S. Horne, Vaucluse, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. Allie Lawson, Holly Grove, Ark.

My mother.—W. J. Cothern, Colorado Springs, Colo.

God to heal my mother.—Charles F. Auburn, Ala.

The healing of my body; three friends be healed.—Miss Elvina Bell, Vienna, W. Va.

Me to be able to walk again.—W. A. White, Montgomery, Ala.

My husband who is in the Veteran's Hospital in a serious condition.—Thelma Hill, Cramerton, N. C.

God to heal a large sore on my leg.—Ed Robertson, New Iberia, La.

The Lord to heal me of a growth in my stomach.—Mrs. George Bolt.



WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?

J. DAVID PITTS,
PASTOR, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Text: Matt. 22:42.

Introduction: Everyone has thought more or less about Christ. For almost two thousand years He has been the chief topic of conversation. To every thinking man, at sometime in life, comes this question, "What think ye of Christ?"

The prophets looked forward to His coming; the disciples embraced Him; the apostles proclaimed Him; and you and I must accept Him.

You have an opinion about the resident, the Secretary of State, your minister, your neighbor, so why not have an opinion about Christ? It would be a glad day for the church if men would be frank and honest enough to take a stand for or against Him, and get off the fence.

It is of very little lasting importance that men think about princesses, presidents, kings, and generals, for they must be soon gone. But what you think about this Eternal Man will either justify you or condemn you in the worlds to come.

What Do You Think About His Birth?

He was the first man to have His birth announced hundreds of years before His coming into the world. Too, was unusual that angels should deliver the birth announcements and sing at His arrival. It was thought strange that He should be born of a virgin, but they understood not that God had sent Him by the Holy Ghost. It is worthy of consideration that He was born in a manger when it might have been a palace; that He left the glory of heaven to live in this sorry world; forsook the company of angels to live with fallen man; left the perfect family harmony of the Trinity to be crucified by His own creation and die a shameful death on the tree.

What Do You Think About Him As a Teacher?

His textbook was the Law of Moses. His illustrations were drawn from God's own creation. His object lessons were the fowls of the air, the lilies of the fields, the tiny ant at his work, the farmer at his labor. He used the simple things of life to shine light upon His greater teachings of the life

to come. He never established a school, but every school erected since is a memorial to this Teacher of teachers. It was said of Him that never a man spake like this man; He teaches with power, and as one with authority.

What Do You Think of Him As a Preacher?

Following His baptism in the river Jordan, by John, He was led of the Spirit into the wilderness. There for forty days and nights He wrestled with sin and was put through the sieve of Satan. When Satan left Him weak and exhausted from His conflict, angels came and ministered unto Him. Then He arose, and, in the power of the Spirit, went into Galilee. From there He went to Nazareth, and, as was His custom, went to the house of God. When the minister delivered unto Him the book of the law, He stood and turned to the 61st chapter of Isaiah and began to read. "The spirit of the Lord is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach

good tidings unto the meek," etc. This Preacher preached with the anointing of God and set the souls of men aflame. He had no time for the current topics of the day, but went right to the hearts of His congregation with the gospel that God had anointed Him to preach. We have had our Moodys, Spurgeons, Whitefields, Wesleys, and Luthers, but this man was truly the Prince of preachers, the chief Shepherd.

What Do You Think of Him As a Saviour?

He who knew no sin was made sin that you and I, who are prone to sin, might have the righteousness of God. He left heaven and came to this world that you and I might leave this world and go to heaven. He became the Son of Man that we might become the "Sons of God." He wore a crown of thorns that we might wear a crown of life. He died that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Truly He is the Saviour of the World.

(As preached in the East Louisville Church of God, and by remote control over WGRC and WBOX-FM, on Sunday night, March 20, on "The Church of God Hour.")

"Occupy Till I Come"

By Ida Bradley

Luke 19:13

We are occupying, and we shall give an account of our stewardship before the same just Judge the early Church will, for we are in the same field (world), and have the same tools (talents) they had, and He hasn't come yet. Christ's purpose was to remind His disciples that they were yet in the field where they were to keep laboring, that He was not ready to set up a kingdom as they had thought. They did a good job until martyred, then other disciples took up where they left off till this twentieth century, and we are still occupying. He hasn't yet returned to setup His kingdom, though we are eagerly looking for Him.

Truly, laborers is what the Church needs today: breakers, sowers, waterers, diggers, and reapers.

Many servants (precious in God's sight) who have labored and suffered patiently in this big vineyard, breaking up the fallow ground and sowing seed, preparing souls for a blessing, have received no praise of men, neither wages, and, worst of all, not even a good report to send in. But don't be

discouraged, sowers; there is another report coming up, when Jesus comes back.

Paul labored with his hands and preached at Corinth until the church was founded. Later, Apollos preached for the church there. Some fell for Apollos and judged Paul unjustly. Paul wrote and reminded them that each man would receive his reward according to his labor. "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase," 1 Cor. 3:6. Paul was a little disappointed in them, and said, "Though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel," 1 Cor. 4:15. "Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsel of the hearts; and then shall every man have praise of God," 1 Cor. 4:5.

Then, too, we are spectacles and epistles to be read of men. "For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as it was appointed to death: for

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In Memoriam

Our Ministers Who Have Gone to Reap the Reward of
Their Labors During the Last Two Years

Name	Years in Ministry	Rank	Date of Death	S. T. Duckworth	19	Bishop	8-28
P. W. Hanson	3	Evangelist	10-11-46	A. R. Pedigo	8	Bishop	9-28
F. J. Rudesill	25	Evangelist	10-18-46	S. M. Dinwiddie	1	Evangelist	9-30
Mollie Wilson	23	Evangelist	12-26-46	H. L. Marcum	22	Bishop	11-11
Mattie Ball	11	Evangelist	1-12-47	C. T. Furman	13	Bishop	11-14
James Gardner (col.)	5	Evangelist	1-16-47	Holena Adams	5	Evangelist	11-23
Claude Richardson	13	Bishop	1-27-47	C. A. Culpepper	32	Bishop	12-14
P. W. Hackney	29	Evangelist	2-7-47	Frank Galahar	5	Evangelist	1-27
Florence Kinsley	11	Evangelist	2-8-47	L. T. Walden	30	Evangelist	2-2
B. L. Hicks	28	Bishop date unknown		M. H. Durbin	27	Bishop	3-28
Ross Swarts	7	Evangelist	3-6-47	Solomon Scalf	19	Bishop	3-
Ed Johnson (col.)	22	Bishop	3-12-47	John Harden	23	Evangelist	3-28
Florence E. Simmons	38	Evangelist	4-15-47	Z. R. Thomas	39	Bishop	4-7
W. C. Weaver	7	Bishop	5-28-47	I. F. Culpepper	38	Evangelist	5-10
Nancy C. Steifel	25	Evangelist	5-28-47	W. M. Patterson (col.)	12	Bishop	5-21
C. N. Franklin	12	Bishop	6-8-47	J. W. Tanner	23	Bishop	5-22
A. N. Jackson	15	Bishop	6-10-47	J. D. Wilson	27	Bishop	5-24
				Bertha Shideler	20	Evangelist	7-

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THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGELICAL

••• REVIVALS •••

JEFFERSON, S. C.—We thank God for the wonderful revival just had here with Brother Roy Dagan, of Ky., doing the preaching. Seven were saved, three sanctified, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church.—Rev. O. S. Lane, Pastor.

8-24

9-29

9-30 MADISONVILLE, Tenn.—We are happy to report a great revival, with Rev. Jennings Powers doing the preaching. Twenty-three were saved, eight sanctified, and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. We also thank the church at Sweetwater and its good pastor for their help in this revival.—Ben Carter, Pastor.

3-29

4-1 WASHINGTON, N. C.—We are happy to report one of the best revivals ever to be held at Washington, with Brother E. L. Moore, of Raleigh, N. C., doing the preaching. The church was filled each night from the very beginning and people sought God in the old-time way. Thirty-nine were saved, seventeen sanctified, sixteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seventeen added to the church. The Lord was with Brother Moore in every message. He is a wonderful evangelist and I feel he would do any church good. He is young, but preaches with the ability of a man who has had much more experience. During this revival, our Sunday school went beyond all previous records with an attendance of 209. Brother James C. Gurganus is our Sunday School superintendent. He is a young man and is very enthusiastic about his Sunday School and church work. Our young people are really filled with zeal for God.

Sister Rena Jones, eighty-three years old, was healed of deafness in her right ear. She had not been able to hear for thirty-two years. Many others were blessed in numerous ways. The Lord is surely blessing the little church here and we appreciate these blessings so much that we can never praise Him enough.—Rev. I. C. Morris, Pastor; Mrs. James C. Gurganus, Reporter.

PLEASANT HOME, Miss.—We have had a revival here with Sister Cooper

and Sister Meadows, of Columbia, doing the preaching. The Lord blessed in every service. Several were saved and sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost, and the church greatly blessed.

We praise the Lord for our good pastor, Brother J. H. Ward, and for sending Sister Cooper and Sister Meadows our way. We also had an all-day service April 10, which was greatly enjoyed by all who came. The Holy Ghost took charge of the morning service and two were saved. There was old-time shouting and praising the Lord. We raised \$75 on our church building and \$20 for the orphanage. Pray that our church will rise and shine and be a soul-saving station for God.—Mrs. George M. Cain, Clerk.

EARLE, Ark.—We had a wonderful revival conducted by our former pastor, Rev. L. I. Ricketts. Thirteen were saved, four sanctified, and four baptized with the Holy Ghost. The power of God was in every service. The gospel was preached in the old-time way. We praise the Lord for our pastor, Rev. C. L. Shelby, and his family. He is a true shepherd. We need your prayers very much, as we are in a building program.—Addie M. Laird, Clerk.

CARTWRIGHT, Tenn.—We praise God for the evangelist He sent our way, Sister Syble Cannon. The wonderful preaching brought many out

to the house of the Lord. Conviction was great and several were saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. At the close of the revival, we had a feet washing and the Lord's Supper; the Lord surely blessed. Seven were added to the church.

The Sunday School attendance went from 142 to 193 during the revival. While Sister Cannon was here, she started the junior boys and girls learning Bible verses and songs. We thank God for our good pastor, Rev. John Keener, who lives by the Bible day by day and does his best to show others how they can make heaven their home.—Mrs. John Collins.

GADSDEN, Ala.—We just closed a three weeks' revival with evangelist E. W. Angley. Forty-five were saved, twenty-four sanctified, twenty-four filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-seven added to the church, and thirty-five baptized in water. We had a great visitation of the Spirit of God each night. Any church will do well to secure the services of E. W. Angley.—G. W. Hodges, Pastor.

EAST FLINT, Mich.—A glorious revival was conducted here by Sister Ava Brown, of Detroit, Mich., as the evangelist. She certainly is filled with the Spirit and love of God, and truly the Lord uses her in a wonderful way. The Lord was in our midst in a miraculous way. Twenty-seven souls were saved, fifteen sanctified, thirteen filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. Rev. John A. Rathbun is the pastor of the East Flint Church. We praise God for Sister Brown and for all the marvelous things God has done for us.—Mrs. R. J. Rathbun.



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Reports ➤ FROM THE FIELD

SPECIAL

Rev. S. G. Brock Resigns Hamilton, Ohio, Pastorate

Reverend S. G. Brock has resigned the pastorate at Hamilton, Ohio, effective July 3, 1949. He assumed the pastorate there in August, 1945. During his four-year period there, he constructed a beautiful brick church valued at \$80,000, seating about 600 people. The membership increased over the same period a total of 185 members. The accomplishments of Rev. Brock, while serving as pastor of this church, are most outstanding. A very exemplary and unselfish disposition is remarkably displayed in his resignation from this very popular pastorate, which carries the top salary as provided by the General Assembly.

Reverend Brock plans to take up evangelistic work immediately after moving his family to his home town in Georgia. He will return to Ohio for special evangelistic campaigns.

I speak for the entire state of Ohio

when I say we all wish for him the greatest of success in his ministry and choice blessings upon him and his family.—E. C. Clark, Overseer of Ohio.

NEW CHURCH

A new church was set in order at 103d Street, New York City, April 19, with twenty members. Brother Saturnino Rodriguez is the pastor. Pray for their continued success.

THREE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

FT. EDWARD, N. Y., Sister Josephine Neshen in charge. This Sunday School is going along nicely. The two Sundays I was privileged to attend, seventeen were present each Sunday.

103d STREET, NEW YORK CITY, Brother S. Rodriguez in charge. They are getting off to a good start, with thirty-nine in attendance last Sunday.

CAPE MAY C. H., N. J., Brother Elmer Haggerty in charge. His report showed sixteen present the first Sunday. The outlook is bright for this place.

OHIO MOVES INTO "A" GROUP

The following letter was received April 16, from our General Overseer, Rev. H. L. Chesser:

"Dear Brother Clark:

"In looking over the list of churches from Ohio and the number of additions, exclusions, etc., we note that Ohio has climbed into the 'A' Group. I notice your grand total membership is 4,049. The 'A' states is not at 4,000. Congratulations to Ohio for reaching the 'A' group.

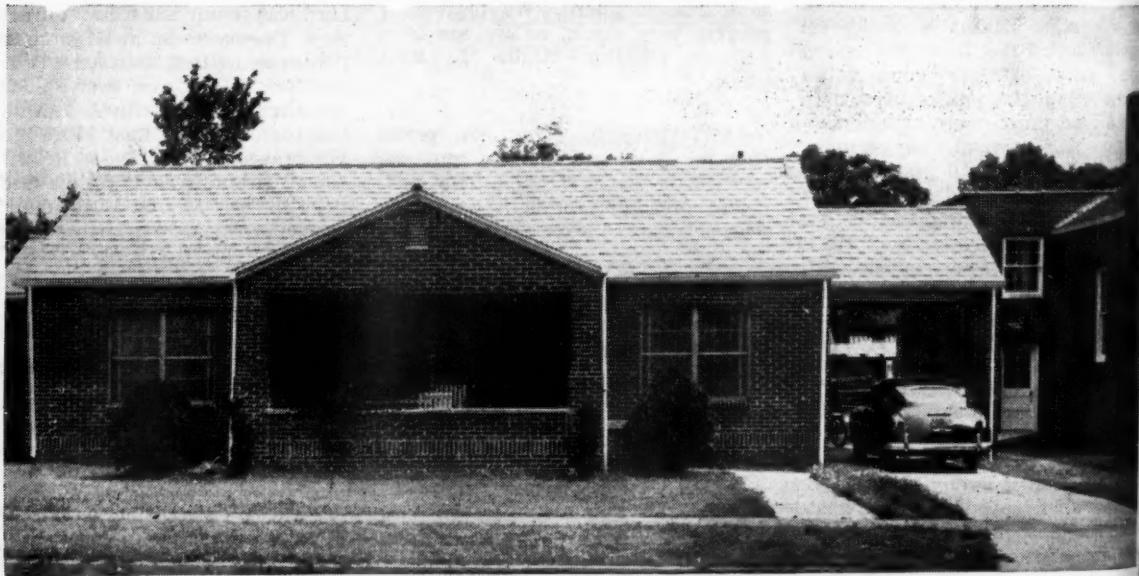
"May God's blessings continue to rest upon you and your ministry in their work and give you the greatest year in the history of the Church of God in Ohio."

APPRECIATE NEW CHURCH BOYKIN, GEORGIA

On Easter Sunday the Boykin, Georgia, Church of God was dedicated by Rev. T. A. Perkins, our district overseer, and Rev. R. L. Walton, pastor. Brother Perkins preached a wonderful dedicatory sermon to the listeners.

Rev. D. I. Haire was our first pastor. He started building the church, passed on to his reward before it was completed. Brother R. L. Walton took the church over and has done a good work here.—Doris Haire, Clerk.

THE PARSONAGE AT DECATUR, ALABAMA



This beautiful brick structure has eight large rooms with two baths. It is insulated throughout and has thermostatic-controlled heat. It is the nicest parsonage in the State. When Brother Statum went to Decatur they lived in a rented house, and it is a compliment to him and his good membership and friends that within eighteen months they erected this beautiful ultramodern home. The parsonage is furnished with the very best in appliances and furniture. To Brother Statum and membership also goes my sincere appreciation for the reconditioning and expansion of the church.—W. E. Johnson, State Overseer, Alabama.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

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large hole in the ground called 'emu' in the Hawaiian language. It takes it twelve hours to cook. When it is cooked, we peddle it from house to house.

The church here is not paying as much tithes as it has in the past. This is not due to any fault of mine, but rather to the fact that thousands of men are walking the streets out of work. The Honolulu Star Bulletin, the leading newspaper in the Islands, said in its edition of Friday, June 17, that there were 18,800 persons out of work. Of this number, 14,800 are on the Island of Oahu. This does not include 2,000 longshoremen that are on strike. I quote here the words of E. Leigh Stevens, director of the Territorial Unemployment Service: 'Many of these unemployed have little immediate hope of securing work, as practically no job opportunities exist at the present time.' The army and navy are laying off civil workers by the thousands. We have one man in the church that has worked for the navy for sixteen years, and he tells me that some men have been laid off that have been working longer than he has. Then another thing that has caused a reduction in finance here in the church is that all the soldiers that paid tithes here during the war and for some time after, have all gone home. The last one, Brother Sprain, formerly of Knoxville, left for the States immediately after we arrived last fall. The cost of living here is far above what it is in the States.

A SCIENTIST DISCOVERS RELIGION

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Dr. Joad today calls God, and he is the God whom men see in Christ. CHRISTIANITY, he believes, is now one of the primary, re-fashioning forces of the world's life. It has the resilience and power of adaptation which the older religions of the world lack. It speaks to men personally, and at the same time points to ways of organization which cannot be dismissed.

"Are your students believing this?" asked Dr. Joad.

"Yes, and no," he replied. "Some of the older ones are still in the world of scientific materialism, believing that man can save himself. The younger ones are in a wistful dilemma. They see a world which has been built up around the idea that man is all-suffi-

cient. Now they see that world crumbling about their feet. It is the job of the Christian philosopher to help this rising generation to get a fresh view of the world's life and development, and to erect in the place of pessimistic hopelessness an attitude of reasoned optimism about the future."

One fact I was rather eager to discover. Had anyone in particular helped him in his conversion to Christianity? Could he point to the moment when the change came?

No. He could not point to a person or an occasion. He had godly parents and was brought up to be a member of the Church of England, and he was not aware that he had ever broken away from it formally. But he had been a scoffer. He had pooh-poohed Christianity as one of the old-wives tales of history. He had derided it as out of date, a continuation of one of the myths of the human story. He believed that men had outgrown religion and that man by himself would be able to provide himself with a religion.

He now sees at the age of fifty-eight, that man needs—indeed, must have—help outside of himself. He believes that God is real, and that the Christian revelation of God is not only true but is the world's hope. But he could not be blindly optimistic about the future of man. For him, sublime faith in what philosophy and science can do has passed into a more simple faith in what God can achieve in and through man's willing obedience. His has been no Damascus Road experience, with the flash of light that illuminated the philosopher Paul of Tarsus. It has been a slower turning toward eternal truth, a conversion under compulsion.

I left Dr. Joad believing that here was a philosopher whose previous experience had been pagan, in the strictly classical sense of the word, and who was now on the road to a thorough-going belief in the Christian faith. This man, I saw, has power over young students. His sharp-edged mind and ability to manipulate arguments have in the past served to destroy belief in Christian values. Now he is beginning to use that power to convince others for his new found faith.

In that turn-about I see one of the most encouraging signs of the times.

"OCCUPY TILL I COME"

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we are made a spectacle unto the whole world, and to angels, and to men," 1 Cor. 4:9.

"Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men," 2 Cor. 3:2.

Many people never read the Bible. The only epistle they read is the Christian's daily life and conversation. The disciples in the early Church walked so Christ-like that it was easy for sinners to see Jesus in them. We, too, must have that humble Christ-like spirit that we can be a light. He was the Light while He was here, and when He went away He said, "Ye are the light of the world," Matt. 5:14.

Last, we are under shepherds to feed the flock. If properly fed, the flock will stay strong; the lambs will grow; others will be born into the flock; and other sheep that are not of this fold will be encouraged to come in.

"Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away," 2 Peter 5:2-4.

God help us to occupy until He comes, then all God's laborers will have an invitation to enter into the joys of the Lord.

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